



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Gerhard PFEIFER
Serial No.: 10/056,584 Confirmation No.: 4703
Filed: January 24, 2002
For: HOLDER FOR POSITIONING A SPECIMEN SLIDE, AND
APPARATUS FOR LASER CUTTING OF SPECIMENS,
AND MICROSCOPE
Art Unit: 2872
Examiner: Joshua L. Pritchett
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 20, 2004 received in the above-identified application, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.